Establishment of digital Library

†3255. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to establish a digital library in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the objective behind establishment of such library; and

(d) by when it would be established?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Such a proposal is being formulated.

(b) and (c) It proposes to make available in digital format cultural contents like books, songs, paintings etc. It will facilitate wider dissemination and better accessibility.

Most institutions within Ministry of Culture have on-going individual digitization programmes of their material.

(d) Preliminary work is expected to commence during this year to consolidate these efforts.

Scheme for Development of Tribal Culture

†3256. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for protection and development of tribal culture is under consideration of his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the nature, details and provisions thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Culture has a number of programmes to preserve and promote tribal culture and folk art. They include a number of programmes sponsored by the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal, Zonal Cultural Centres and the Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata. In addition, the Ministry of Culture has a specific Scheme for Preservation and Promotion of Tribal and Folk Art and Culture. Under this Scheme,

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